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Weather

Today

High: 58, Low: 34
Sunny

Saturday

High: 58, Low: 32
50% chance of rain

Sunday

High: 46, Low: 27
Sunny

Monday

High: 49, Low: 27
Sunny

News Briefs

Enlisted Promotions

The enlisted promotions ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 24 at the Columbus Club.

Class 09-06 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-06 will hold their assignment night at 5 p.m. Feb. 27. at the Services Activity Center.

AETC/CC Conference

The Air Education and Training Command commander's conference and command chief's conference will be hosted at Columbus Air Force Base March 2-6.

"Spread the Word" Briefing

An Air Force Personnel Center "Spread the Word" briefing team arrives at Columbus Air Force Base on Feb. 23. Two All Call briefings are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. All Airmen and civilians are encouraged to attend. Following these briefings, specialized rated officer briefings will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. In support of night flyers, an additional rated briefing will be held at 5 p.m. All briefings will be in Kaye Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 23.

Inside

Feature 8

14th Security Forces Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.

"Back to the basics"

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

February 20, 2009

BLAZE Team turns out to give the gift of life

U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

(Left) Ria Witherspoon, a phlebotomist with Mississippi Blood Services, draws blood from Lt. Corban Smith, a transitional lieutenant with the 14th Operations Support Squadron at the base chapel Feb. 13. Lieutenant Smith's donation was part of a base wide blood drive. Over 40 people attended the drive and donated 45 units of blood.

CAFB Blood Drive

14th FTW/CV addresses graduates of class 09-05

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

"Continue to stand up and show the initiative to serve," was the message the Class 09-05 Graduation guest speaker passed on to the assembled graduates at the Kaye Auditorium Feb. 13.
Col. Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, said it takes courage, sacrifice and valor to both live by our Air Force's core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do; and to continue to answer our nations call to service.
"These men could've done anything with their lives," he said. "But they chose to stand up serve their country in a time of war. I want them to continue to be the guys that are
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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE													
PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron Class	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation		Aircraft	Required
37th (09-14)	6.47 days	-0.92 days	Mar. 10	48th (09-06)	-5.37 days	-0.34 days	Mar. 13	49th (09-EB)	-1.92 days	-0.21 days	Mar. 13	T-6	1,593
41st (09-15)	-8.77 days	-6.29 days	Apr. 2	50th (09-06)	-0.70 days	1.34 days	Mar. 13					T-1	592
												T-38	470
												IFF	162
Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Scott Hanson, deputy director, legislative liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.													
												Flown	Annual
												1,508	10,568
												538	4,076
												439	3,115
												158	1,121

CMYK

Base families offered variety of recreation choices

Club membership drive

The Columbus Club is conducting a club membership drive and current members have an opportunity to earn extra entries into the drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card or two \$100 Visa gift cards. The drawing will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. at the club's Spirit Night. For more information about the club and membership benefits, contact the marketing office at 434-2337.

Play in the Air Force March Madness program

Pick up a game piece at the bowling center, Columbus Club or golf course. Go online to www.airforcemarchmadness.com and find out how to play. Grand prize is a trip for four to the 2010 Final Four Game which includes air, hotel, rental car, game tickets and \$1,000 in spending money - a \$6,000 value. Second place wins \$5,000, third place wins \$2,500, fourth place wins \$1,000 and fifth through ninth place finishers in the bracket contest receive an indoor arcade style basketball shooting game system. Must be an eligible user of non-appropriated fund facilities and 18or older at the time of entry. Only one game piece per person per visit is authorized ;and no purchase is necessary.

Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60 percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available. For more information, call 434-2507.

Monte Carlo night

The Columbus Club is offering this program starting at 6 p.m. March 21. Cost is \$10 for club members and \$20 for non-members. Purchase tickets or make reservations at the Columbus Club by March 17. Free hors d'oeuvres will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. compliments of the Landings at Columbus. Cost includes \$500 in chips and re-buys are \$10 each. Over \$1,000 in prizes to bid on. For more information, call 434-2490.

Paintball grand opening

The paintball field grand opening will be at 9 a.m. March 14. More to follow. For more information, call 434- 2507.

White water rafting trip

The outdoor adventure program is offering a white-water rafting trip May 29-31. The deadline to register is March 13 at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation and meals on Saturday and rafting the middle river on the Ocoee. For more information, call 434-7861.

New Outdoor Recreation hours of operation

Effective immediately, outdoor recreation's hours of operation are: Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, closed; Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 434- 2507.

Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of class projects is available in the lobby. Upcoming classes include making a a3-D leprechaun cottage, a tissue paper rainbow, a bug catcher, butterfly wind chimes, a shamrock necklace, a decorative Spring fence with flower pots, an Easter egg ornament and an Easter Bunny door wreath. Kid's crafts classes are \$5 each and adult classes range from \$10 to \$20 depending on the class. The kids crafts can be purchased "to go" for just \$3. Parents provide the glue, markers and scissors. For more information call 434- 7836.

St. Patrick's Day pub crawl

The information, ticket and travel office is offering this night-time outing for adults starting at 6 p.m. March 17. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation to several local establishments and ending with a good ole Irish sing along. For more information, call 434- 2507.

Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-7. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per person with three to a room or \$125 per person with 4 to a room. Cost includes transportation, lodging with breakfast included and entry both

days. Departing at 8 a.m. Saturday and returning at 9 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 16 registered by May 2 to offer.

Base Level Photography Contest

The youth center offers this program to youth, ages 6 to 18 with judging and display of photos from 4-6 p.m. March 12. Winning photos will compete in Regional Competition. For more information, call 434-2504.

St. Patrick's Day Dance

The youth center offers this event for ages 13 to 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. March 14. Cost is \$1 for youth center members and \$3 for nonmembers. For more information call 434- 2504.

Youth Lock-In

Youth ages 9 to 12 are invited to participate in the youth lock-in scheduled from 9 a.m. March 13 until 7 a.m. March 14. Cost is \$10 per person. Must have at least 15 registered by March 10 to offer. For more information, call 434-2504.

AF Teen Aviation Camp

The deadline is March 13 to turn in an application to the youth center for this camp. Camp dates are May 30 to June 4 at the USAFA in Colorado Springs, Co. Program is open to high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2009. Applications are available at the Youth Center. Teens who participated in the 2008 camp are not eligible to apply. For more information, call 434-2504.

Self help car wash

There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on Ninth Street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. 434- 7842.

Massage therapy

The fitness center offers massage therapy by appointment only. Cost is \$30 for 30-minutes, \$50 for 60-minutes and \$75 for 90-minutes. For more information or to make an appointment, call 251-3058.

Casino trips

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino the first Friday of every month. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25

in casino play. Groups of ten or more may book a trip anytime. For more information, call 434-2505.

Youth Employment Skills Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high school. For more info contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

Personal trainer available

The Fitness Center now has a personal trainer available and is accepting new clients. Free consultation sessions are available. Individual sessions are \$12.50 for 30-minutes or \$25.00 per hour. Contact Lindsey Stinets at 425-6982 or email lstinets@hotmail.com.

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What to do if you encounter a member of the 14th SFS

Lt. Col. Kiley Stinson
14th Security Forces Squadron commander

For most people, the only interaction with security forces is during routine entry to the base. However, on rare occasions, there may be other interactions. What you do during those times can make the situations smoother for all parties.

The most unexpected and often least pleasant interaction is the traffic stop. The flashing blue lights of a security forces patrol car in your review mirror may fill you with dread, though it shouldn't. There are a multitude of reasons that you could be pulled over, from Random Antiterrorism Measures to a simple tail light being out. From the moment security forces personnel initiate a traffic stop, the patrol is observing your actions and behavior and the way you respond may affect whether or not you receive a ticket.

Here are some helpful tips to help you through this stop with minimal delay and more importantly safely for both you and the SF personnel.

First, as soon as you see the lights on behind you, turn on your right turn signal and pull as far to the right of the road as possible as soon as you can safely do so. It is important to show the patrol that you are cooperating, and by stopping near where the violation occurred, you may have a better sense of what happened.

If after the initial stop, the security forces member asks you to pull into a parking lot or out of heavy traffic, then proceed to do so, but not until then. By stopping close to where the violation occurred, you will also be able to gather information that could help you contest a ticket, such as noticing a new yield sign versus stop sign, missing speed limit signs, etc.

Once you have safely pulled over, turn on your hazard lights, turn off the engine, roll down the window and place both of your hands on the steering wheel. If at night, turn on your interior light. Do not make sudden movements

and don't look into the glove box, or through a purse, until the patrol has approached your vehicle and requested documentation. Although Columbus Air Force Base is considered a safe environment, our patrols treat every traffic stop the same as our off-base counterparts. Be cooperative and don't give any cause for alarm.

It is okay to greet the patrol, but allow security forces to identify themselves and request your license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. It is important to provide these documents when asked.

If the security forces member decides to give you a ticket (occasionally drivers are briefed on the violation and released with a verbal



warning), it is unlikely that you will be able to argue, cry or otherwise attempt to talk your way out of the ticket. There is an established appeal process and the security forces member can provide you with information on that process.

Under other circumstances you may find yourself stopped either inbound or outbound at a gate. Without discussing operational tactics, there are several reasons this might happen. If it does, please wait patiently inside your vehicle. You may attempt to enter or exit the other gate, but it may also be temporarily closed.

Occasionally, Security Forces are looking for something or someone specific and may execute a procedure known

as "Stop, Check and Pass." In this case, one of the guards or security forces members will request, check and hold your ID card. Once another vehicle arrives your ID will be returned and the process will be repeated with the new driver. There are multiple reasons for this situation and the guard or SF member may or may not have time to explain the situation to you. In all cases, patience is appreciated. This isn't done to harass or inconvenience you.

Finally, Security Forces conduct random base entry point checks throughout the day, on both inbound and outbound traffic. These inspections are downward-directed and the execution times are generated randomly and apply to all traffic on base. As always, please follow the instructions of the SF patrol; this will make the process smoother and more expedient. They appreciate that you may be in a hurry or late to your destination, but arguing or complaining will only further delay you.

Here are several other tips to keep you safe while driving on CAFB:

- 1) Never get out of your vehicle unless requested to by the SF patrol. This places you at risk of being struck by traffic and could be perceived as a threat by the patrol.
 - 2) Never confuse rank with the patrolman's authority. Again, there is an established appeal process to follow; arguing with the patrol will not change the ticket and if you become abusive or argumentative it could lead to further actions being taken against you.
 - 3) If passing a patrol car that has someone pulled over, slow down and try to yield as much space as you safely can.
 - 4) Always yield to emergency vehicles, whether it is Security Forces, fire department or an ambulance. Their next response could be to assist you and you wouldn't want other drivers delaying help to get to you. Sometimes it is life or death and seconds count...yes, even at Columbus AFB we have those situations.
- The bottom line is that in all cases we are here to keep everyone on the installation safe. Your assistance in doing so is greatly appreciated.

We are all recruiters

Each Air Force member is an “ambassador in blue.” Each person can make a difference in someone else’s decision to join the Air Force.

❑ Get involved in youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations. Be a role model in your community.

❑ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.

❑ Talk with others about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you’ve had because you joined.

Lorenz on Leadership: Strengthening the Air Force Family

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — “I also want to thank my brothers and sisters in the Air Force family.”

If you have attended as many promotion, retirement, and award ceremonies as I have, you've heard these sentiments many times. We may not phrase it in exactly the same way, but the meaning is clear. When we reach certain milestones and take time to reflect, we recognize that the bond we share with others in the Air Force is stronger than for most co-workers in the business world. This is especially true when we factor in the emotions of deployments and combat. The term “brothers/sisters in arms” is no accident. As we live, train, sweat, and bleed together, these bonds grow so strong that the only language we have to describe our feelings for each other is the language of family — the Air Force family.

It would be a mistake to take these bonds for granted, however. If we don't respect and value each other, we risk breaking the family ties. This doesn't mean that you're always going to like everyone you meet in the Air Force, but if you grew up with brothers and/or sisters, odds are that you didn't always like them either. Building a strong Air Force family means that we each share a commitment to our fellow Airmen and treat them in ways that reflect this commitment.

I believe that we are all leaders, because leadership is influence, and we all have the ability to influence the people around us. I challenge you to be a leader in our family. You can influence others to build a stronger Air Force family by treating our fellow Airmen as family members. How? Here are some thoughts...

A family laughs together. Our profession is serious business, but there is no reason that we can't have fun while we work together. When we smile and laugh with each other, we communicate a very powerful message: I enjoy being with you. Who doesn't want to feel like others enjoy their company? Laughing together goes a long way towards building a sense of family (as long as we are not laughing at someone's expense).

Having fun and playing together is something that we should extend to our natural families too. If your unit is not having parties, picnics, or playdates together with the families, go to your commander and volunteer to organize a fun outing or get-together. I have found that the squadron, branch, division, or directorate that plays together, stays together, especially when the times get tough.

A family cries together. When bad things happen to our family members, we are there for them. In our lives, all of us have issues such as aging parents, sick children, and financial difficulties. Moreover, our profession involves unforgiving activities such as flying or driving in convoys through a war zone, and we will almost certainly know someone who is injured or killed while on duty. When these bad things

inevitably happen, family members are there for each other. For example, in AETC we have a squadron commander whose 8-year old daughter was recently diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Since word of this got out to their Air Force family, they have been overwhelmed with support. Here's what they had to say when asked about how the Air Force family has helped:

“Since this whole ordeal started last August, our family has been blessed by every area of the Air Force family imaginable — AFROTC friends I haven't spoken with in 20 years, former F-117 drivers I didn't even know, civilian contractors and GS employees who are acquaintances at best, squadron and group friends, and lastly leadership all the way to the 4-star level. The Air Force family is a living, breathing entity that we are all a part of. You just don't get this kind of support outside of the Air Force or military!”

This is not extraordinary — this is what families do, which leads to the next thought...

A family sticks together and takes care of each other. On the day that an Airman raises his or her hand to take their oath of service, they are part of the Air Force family. They remain part of our family until we lay them to rest with a flag draped over their casket. During the time in-between, we try our best to take care of each other by offering a warm welcome when a new person arrives on our base, listening to someone who is lonely and far from home, offering practical help to those left behind when their spouse is deployed, and in many other ways.

Last week, I had dinner with a Senior Airman who had been injured in the war. As we talked, I found out that he had grown up in foster care. He had been separated from his siblings, so when he entered the Air Force, he was alone. I couldn't help but think to myself — we are the only family he has now. We must make sure that he gets the care he deserves, because no one else will. In fact, we should go above and beyond to take special care of those who made big sacrifices in the line of duty.

We should also give special treatment to the natural families of those who gave their lives in service to the Nation. I believe that when an Airman is killed or wounded, the units to which they were assigned should consider them “members in perpetuity.” If they have been wounded, they should be invited to unit functions, and for those who have died, their next-of-kin should get a call from the unit on special days. It's the right thing to do.

You never know when you are going to make a difference in someone's life, so we should all live in a way that maximizes our ability to touch the lives of others. This means that we should have a healthy focus on others, not on ourselves. As a wise person once said, we should not think less of ourselves, we should think of ourselves less.

Our profession is all about service to others. We serve our fellow Americans by keeping them safe and free. We serve our fellow Airmen by caring for them and their loved ones. To me, that is the essence of “Service Before Self,” and it truly sets us apart.



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Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Contemporary Movie Showings

Join us at the Columbus AFB Chapel the last Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship, as we watch a contemporary movie, have dinner and discuss what God has planned for us. Please call the chapel at 434-2500 to sign-up. There is no fee for this class. There is no childcare available. Schedule as follows:
Steel Magnolia: Feb. 26
Little Women: March 26
Sense and Sensibility: April 30

Dental Clinic Closure

The Columbus AFB Dental Clinic will be closed for regular scheduled appointments on Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 for facility improvements. The clinic will remain open for dental emergencies and staff will be available to expedite any administrative requirements to include PCS, deployments,

retirements and/or separations. If you have any questions the clinic can be reached at calling 434-2250.

Weight Loss with Wisdom

It's time to make that New Year's resolution to get those unwanted pounds off for good, but who wants to do it alone? Please join us at the Chapel each Thursday 4:30 p.m. for advise, instruction and prayer for our goals. Lose a little weight with some friends. For more information, please call the Chapel office at 434-2500.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

AFAS Grant Program

Do you have a son, daughter or spouse in college or starting college in the fall? Would a \$2,000 grant help pay their college expenses? Contact your AFAS Section immediately. The AFAS's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program helped 3500 college students last year . . . and expects to make further awards in 2009. Don't hesitate because you think you make too much money. Find out now, the deadline is March 6.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Lunch, Learn Communication Training

Bring your lunch and learn how to handle the communication training today at 11 a.m.

Hearts Apart Social

A Hearts Apart social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel will be held Feb. 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be information, refreshments and prizes offered. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

Heart Link

Heart Link, a free social designed to officially welcome spouses will be held Feb. 26 from 10:45 a.m. till 1 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other spouses and get those questions about Columbus AFB, and/or the military lifestyle answered in person.

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship Training will be held Feb.

24 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and sponsors. The training will include information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. In addition, web-based training is offered thru the CAFB Homepage and Public Folder. To register call 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy

Active duty military and/or spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age are invited to Bundles of Joy on Feb. 24 from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Information will include speakers on finances, labor/delivery and infant care. This is an AFAS program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$65. Advance registration required, call 434-2855.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Ash Wednesday Services

11:45 a.m., Father Vince Burns
5 p.m., Chaplain Dave Logan

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Air Force Good Conduct Medal reinstated

Maj Paul Villagran
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced Feb. 11 the reinstatement of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal for enlisted members, effective immediately and retroactive to Feb. 6, 2006, when the medal was discontinued. Airmen who are eligible should see an update automatically in their records on the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site.

Lt. Gen. Richard Newton, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley announced the reintroduction of the medal.

"This is a great day for the Air Force," said Chief McKinley. "The Air Force Good Conduct Medal has a pos-

itive impact on good order and discipline in the unit. It's part of our history and we needed to bring it back to where it rightfully should be, part of our enlisted heritage.

"When an Airman is pinned with their first good conduct medal it's an event they will never forget," he said. "I still remember, vividly, receiving my first Good Conduct Medal."

General Newton echoed Chief McKinley's words.

"Bringing this medal back shows the Air Force commitment of being all in when taking care of our Airmen and their families," Gen. Newton said. "This is a great tool for our commanders to recognize deserving Airmen."

The return of the medal comes after the secretary of the Air Force approved a recommendation from a January 2008 awards summit co-hosted by representatives of the office of the secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs and the directorate for manpower and per-

sonnel.

Both directorates contended that the AFGCM, one of the oldest military decorations dating back to World War II, has a long-standing tradition in the Air Force and links Airmen with those who served throughout the history of the service. In addition, Air Force officials solicited input from the field regarding the Good Conduct Medal.

"All services present the Good Conduct Medal to those who distinguish themselves by exemplary behavior, so Airmen will now have the same opportunity for recognition as Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen," said Gen. Newton. "Chief McKinley is exactly right that this is a great day for the Air Force. A time-honored tradition is back."

For questions regarding updates to Air Force personnel records, Airmen can call the Air Force Contact Center at 1-800-616-3775.

Toll-free line for personnel questions opens Feb. 22

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Members of the Total Force — regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and retired Airmen — are on line to have one central phone number for help with their personnel questions starting at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time Feb. 22.

Members of the Air Force community should call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

While this number is already familiar to Airmen who call the Air Reserve Personnel Center Contact Center in Denver, it's a change for Airmen who call the toll-free number currently assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center in San Antonio.

"Having a single phone number for the entire force will make it easier for all of our customers to reach us so we can give them the most accurate and up-to-date information," said Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, former

ARPC commander. "It's vitally important in this fast-moving environment that we keep providing accurate, consistent and understandable answers to all Airmen and their families."

The single number is a first step toward the Total Force Service Center, or TFSC, concept. This concept provides Airmen seamless access to personnel information and services regardless of the organization or system actually providing it. With this single number the ARPC and AFPC contact centers become virtually connected; making it easier for all Airmen to reach their needed personnel services. Teams will work throughout Feb. 22 to make the TFSC number the single access point for all the Air Force components and their families.



Once all the telephone lines are reorganized, Airmen dialing in will be appropriately routed to either San Antonio or Denver, depending on the selections they make from the updated menu options.

Customers dialing the 800 number might experience minimal disruption in service while the number is being transferred.

"This is just one more example of how we are providing smarter and better personnel services to our total force," said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, AFPC commander.

"Technology is allowing us to interface with our Airmen or commanders when they want to work personnel actions, without the Airmen ever leaving their homes or offices.

"Above all, we want to hear from you about your experiences with the centers,"


General McClain said. "We value feedback from the customers so we can continue to improve how we deliver our services to you."

AFPC-serviced Airmen should continue using 800-616-3775 until 5 p.m. CST Feb. 22. After that time, those who call the former number will be advised of the change.

For those calling from outside the U.S., dial the toll-free AT&T Direct Access Number for the country they are located, then dial 1-800-525-0102. AT&T Direct Access Numbers are found at www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp.

There is no change for individuals with hearing impairments. They can still reach the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and AFPC's Personnel Systems Operations Control Center, as well as ask employment questions, by calling the Telephone Device for the Deaf number, 800-382-0893. The commercial TDD number is 210-565-2276.

Airmen and their families can also find answers to many of their personnel questions at AFPC's <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or ARPC's <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>.



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It's vital you know the difference!

Unrestricted	Restricted	Independent
Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately.	Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified.	A third party tells OSI or law enforcement and an investigation is launched. Can occur with a restricted report.

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822.

C.A.S.H. program eases stress about your finances

14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron-Provisional

Tired of waiting at finance just to ask a question about which form to fill out, or maybe making the trip to finance just to get turned away because you're missing documentation or a supervisor's signature? If this has ever happened to you, then the finance office has a new program for you!

The Comptroller Assisted Self Help Forms Lite saves you time by reducing the need to visit the Financial Services Office for assistance completing manual finance forms. It utilizes an electronic help "wizard" to walk you through the form-filling process from your computer at the office or home. CASH Forms Lite will produce properly completed, legible forms ready for you to sign. CASH Forms Lite will even give you instructions of what to do next, whether to submit to your supervisor and/or Approving Official, or take directly to our Finance office for processing.

Using C.A.S.H. Forms Lite will save you time, increase transaction accuracy, and reduce time away from your duty section. The program can be found on the Air Force Portal under the "Life and Career" tab, "Money-Finance Central" link, or <https://leave.hickam.af.mil/cashforms/>. For questions on C.A.S.H. Forms Lite please email 14cptf.fmf@columbus.af.mil.

So, the next time you need to complete a finance form, try CASH Forms Lite, and let them take the stress out of the financial process.

2008-2009 Deer Hunting Season Closes

Frank Lockhart
14th CES/CEAN

The Mississippi hunting season on Columbus Air Force base officially closed on Jan. 31. Thirty-five Columbus AFB hunters participated in the 42-day 2008-2009 hunting season.

Eighteen deer were harvested on Columbus AFB: two eight-point, one six-point, five four-points, one spike and nine does.

Of the five deer were harvested on Shuqualak Auxiliary Airfield, one was a four point and the other four where does.

Hunters aren't the only ones who benefited from this year's harvest, though. Controlling the deer population on-base significantly reduced the probability of deer entering the airfield area where they could endanger our pilots and aircraft.

The latest deer survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture biologists indicated between 30 and 50 deer remain on-base and more continually enter from off-base property. The 2009-2010 hunting season will open on Oct. 1.



Courtesy photo
Columbus Air Force Base hunter Amn. Curtis Roseman, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron provisional, poses with the 8-point buck he harvested Dec. 6. Airman Roseman was hunting in area A on Columbus AFB.

B-52 accident report released

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — An improper stabilizer trim setting caused the July 21 crash of a B-52 Stratofortress aircraft northwest of Guam, according to an Air Combat Command accident investigation board report released Feb. 13.

Analysis of aircraft parts found during salvage operations revealed the aircraft's stabilizer trim was set between approximately 4.5 and 5.0 degrees nose-down at impact. According to the investigation board, this indicates an improper stab trim setting of an aircraft in a nose low descent at low altitude.

The stabilizer trim is a control function used in conjunction with the aircraft's elevator to control the pitch of the aircraft. Pilots will first push or pull on the aircraft yoke to use the elevator to change pitch. They will then use stabilizer trim to ease handling of the aircraft. The stabilizer trim moves the stabilizer so that the desired pitch is held with the elevator in a neutral position.

Through extensive interviews, and using radar data with simula-

tor and computer modeling, the accident board was able to simulate the turn, descent and aircraft crash. With this modeling, they were able to rule out multiple other causes and scenarios due to lack of supporting evidence.

Based on the generated profile and recovered aircraft parts, the board focused on possible problems with the stabilizer trim function. With no surviving aircrew members, no emergency radio calls and with minimal recovered aircraft control systems or instruments, the specific reason the stabilizer trim was mis-positioned could not be determined by the AIB.

The AIB president also found that the combination of low altitude with a descending left turn of the mishap aircraft and late recognition of the serious nature of the situation by the aircrew contributed to the mishap. The board noted that any experienced aircrew could have found it difficult to recognize, assess and recover from the rapidly developing situation involving the stabilizer trim setting.

Six Airmen perished in this accident: Maj. Christopher Cooper, aircraft commander; Capt. Michael Dodson, copilot; Maj. Brent Williams, radar navigator; 1st Lt. Joshua Shepherd, navigator; 1st Lt. Robert Gerren, electronic warfare officer; and Col. George Martin, flight surgeon. Their remains were laid to rest in a ceremony Nov. 14 at Arlington National Cemetery.

The B-52 aircrew was flying a training mission that included a flyby in support of the Guam Liberation Day celebration. The B-52 was assigned to the 20th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and temporarily assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam. The aircraft was deployed to Guam as part of the Department of Defense's continuous bomber presence mission in the Pacific.

All the crewmembers were assigned to Barksdale AFB, except Colonel Martin, who was assigned to the 36th Medical Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, at the time of the accident.

Public Administration at MUW: The Mississippi University for Women's Certificate in Public Administration prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and ability necessary to succeed in government and non-profit organizations. This program is open to all majors and requires a minimum of 15 hours of coursework. The courses are scheduled to be available in the evening, but online courses are being developed as well. For more information or to sign up with the certificate program, to the MUW website homepage at www.muw.edu, click on the "Executive Certification" icon and choose the "Public Administration" icon.

Professional Boxing: Boxer, 2008 Olympic medalist and Tuscaloosa, Al., native Deontay Wilder will be at the Trotter Convention Center March 6. Doors open at 6 p.m., fight starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general

admission, or a VIP table (seats ten) for \$300. For ticket information, call Oliver Miller at (662) 364-3443.

MOAA Scholarship: The Military Officer Association of America will award 25 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants must be the dependant child of an active duty member or a drilling reserve/national guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Services, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Applicants must be a high school senior or college student who will be working on his or her first undergraduate degree and be under the age of 24. Applications can be made online at <http://www.moaa.org/education>. The deadline for online entry is March 2.

BARGAIN LINE

Homes

For sale: 374 Chan Mar Drive, Caledonia, custom home, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, bonus room, formals, 2,466 square feet on 2.8 acres, wired shop, \$295,700. Call 889-3974.

For sale: 16' X 80' 2005 Clayton trailer, all kitchen apparel, vinyl siding, shingle roof, like new condition, \$25,000, located in Starkville. Call (228) 326-0219 or (601) 916-0111. **For sale:** Home in Oakdale Park. Less than five minutes from CAFB. Four bedrooms, three bathroom, 3,000 square feet, \$285,000. Call (910) 658-1503.

For sale: 9.6 acres in Hamilton, Miss., 10-15 minutes from CAFB. Call 889-4988.

For sale: Home in Caledonia, gorgeous home built in 2007. Three bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, formal dining, breakfast, office and weight room, two-car garage with storage, large front and back porches overlooking two acres, 2,550 square feet, \$289,900. Call 662-549-1016.

For sale: home in Caledonia, 2008, beautiful reconstructed home on one acre, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, formal dining, breakfast, mud room, two-car garage with built-in work space, large, private back porch with lots of trees, \$185,000. Call 889-2518. **For sale:** home in Caledonia, four

bedrooms, two bathrooms, located on one acre lot with large workshop/garage, lavish landscaping with mature trees, large patio/parking area, \$149,000. Call 889-2518.

For Sale: Home in Caledonia, 125 Ora Lane. 3 Bedroom 2 Bath approx 1600 sqft. Custom built in 2006. Stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors. \$159,900 call Dave Feth at 303-929-7420.

Home for Sale (Hamilton, MS) – 2250 sf, 3bm 2 ? ba, brick home, gas log fp, ss appl, lg fm & ld rm. Lot ? acre w/fenced by, storage bldg & screened pch. 3 mi from Hamilton school and 15 mins to CAFB. Asking \$136,000 but bring all offers. (662) 343-4697.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement					
Name					
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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other ☐
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.



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SUNDAY

Bible Study (All Ages) 9:15AM
Morning Worship 10:30AM
Children's Handbells 4:30PM
Adult Bible Study 5:00PM

Youth Praise Choir
Pre-School Choir
Children's Graded Choir

Evening Worship 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

AWANA 6:00PM
Prayer Service & Adult Bible Study.... 6:30PM
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(Beginning Oct. 19): 8:17 am (See Pro. 8:17 KJV)
Early Worship Service
9:30 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am: Worship Service
(Children's Church for ages 4 - 2nd grade)

SUNDAY EVENINGS
(September - May) 4:00 pm: Jr. Varsity & Varsity A.W.A.N.A.
(Jr. Varsity: ages 6,7,8 grades; Varsity: High School)
(September - May) 4:15 pm: Club A.W.A.N.A.
(for Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)
(June - August) 5:00 pm: Summer Blast for Children
(Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)
(September - May) 5:00 pm: Youth Discipleship Training
5:00 pm: Discipleship Training for Adults
6:00 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
@ 6:30 pm
Mission Friends: ages 3 - 5
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Youth Bible Study: 6th - 12th Grades
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Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study
Youth Worship
AWANA 6:30 p.m.

Pastor: Mike Allred
Music Minister: Randy Comer
Youth Pastor: Matt Long

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Pilot Partner Program forges community bonds

Lt. Chase Zickefoose
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Strong community support is one of the hallmarks of an assignment to Columbus Air Force Base. The Pilot Partner Program, which teams each Columbus AFB Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class with business and civic leaders from the local community, was designed to acquaint our pilot training students with this special relationship.

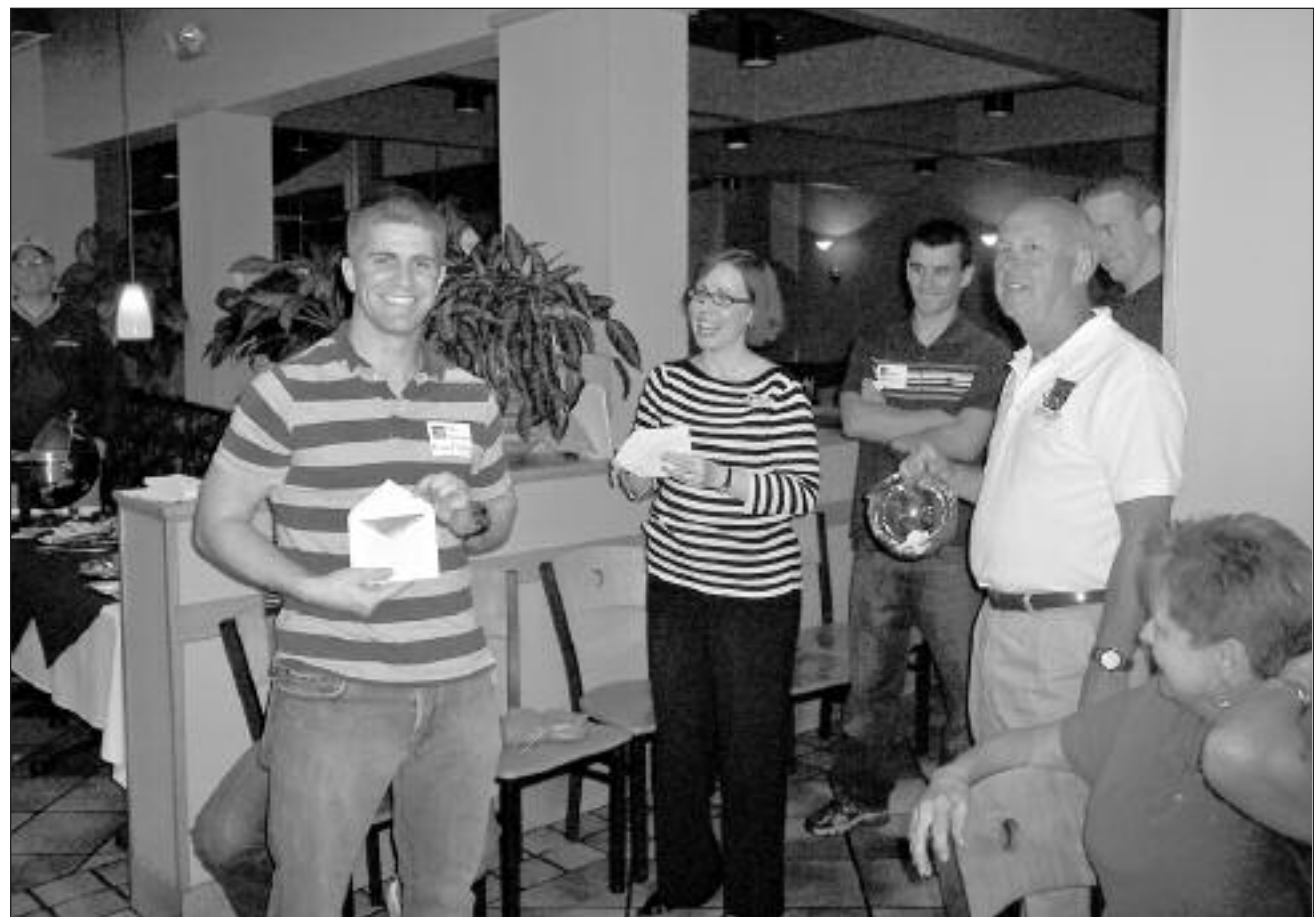
The pilot partner program is a joint venture between the Golden Triangle Chapter of the Air Force Association, the Columbus-Lowndes development Link and 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs. The Link, a close approximation of a chamber of commerce, executes the program through its Military Affairs Committee. The Link selects a pair of businesses or civic organizations for each of Columbus' 15 SUPT classes.

The class and their partners first meet at the Air Force Association / Link co-sponsored New Class Welcome, held during the first month of SUPT. The evening socials are held at various off-base venues to introduce the class and their spouses to unique aspects of area.

It offers an opportunity for members of the community and the SUPT class to foster a public understanding and acceptance of the pivotal role in which a well-manned, well-equipped and well-trained Air Force plays in the security of the nation.

"The Pilot Partner Program was established in March 2002 with class 03-06," notes Sonic Johnson, 14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Public Affairs. "With our 15 classes per year, this program provides an opportunity for 30 community business and community leaders a very up-close experience with our mission: training the world's best warriors, leaders and military pilots."

Participating in the Pilot Partner Program provides business and community leaders with a chance to assist in the future of young men and women who are proudly serving our country. The SUPT class in turn will invite their business or civic partners to participate during significant class



US Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson
Lt. John Thornton, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-09, accepts a door prize from Eat With Us representative Karen Stanley last May during their New Class Welcome at the Grill. The Mississippi-based Eat With Us group represents local eateries Harvey's, Sweet Pepper's and the Jackson Square Grill. Lt. Thornton track selected on Oct. 21 to helicopters and is currently in training at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

events, such as Red Carpet/Track Select, Assignment Night and Graduation to familiarize the partners with the primary mission of Columbus AFB.

"The participating businesses and civic organizations reap huge benefits from the program," reflects Melissa

Cook, Vice President for Chamber Affairs for the Columbus-Lowndes Development Link. "This allows them to not only show their support to the young men and women who are serving our country but it also allows them to develop relationships with them, as well."

Public Affairs garners 2008 AETC communication effectiveness award

**14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs**

Air Education and Training Command recently announced the winners of the 2008 AETC Public Affairs Achievement Awards.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office was awarded the Maj. Henry "Hap" Arnold Award for Public Affairs Communication Effectiveness. The award was for the retirement of the T-37 "Tweet" from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot training in April 2008.

The Public Affairs goal was to highlight the T-37 Tweet and its 50-year-career by creating a farewell deserving of the venerable aircraft. Up until April 2008, nearly every pilot in the United States Air Force had begun their Air Force flying career in the T-37. The T-37

became operational in 1956.

The retirement ceremony featured information on the Tweet's career and heritage, an address from the 19 Air Force Commander, a presentation of the artwork, and a formation flight of four T-37s.

Mr. Keith Ferris, a 47-year veteran of the Air Force Art Program and acclaimed aviation artist, was commissioned to create a painting to capture the spirit of the T-37's contribution to pilot training. His painting, "A Rite of Passage" was presented by him and Mr. Russell Kirk, Air Force Art Program office, at the ceremony. Ironically, the last paint scheme of the T-37 was designed by Mr. Ferris to aid in visibility during traffic pattern and formation operations.

In addition, PA requested and received approval from Mr. Ferris to commission 37 lithograph copies of the painting,

ordered, signed and numbered by the artist and given out to various individuals involved in the retirement program. For example, 14 FTW Historian was presented number 14, 19th Air Force Commander was presented number 19 and the 37th Flying Training Squadron commander was presented with number 37.

The aircraft that flew the last T-37B SUPT sortie had a patch depicting the "That's All Folks" Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.'s character, Tweety Bird TM on the fuselage. Warner Brothers had previously allowed the last T-37 SUPT class to use the cartoon character in their class patch. Working with the base Legal Office, Columbus AFB secured the future rights to use the patch for the retirement activities.

A final formation of four Columbus

Air Force Base T-37Bs flew over the ceremony, the last time a flight of four Tweets, would grace the skies over Columbus AFB.

Finally, three television networks covered the event (CBS, Fox, AU-TV), as well as Mississippi Public Radio and four newspapers.

The award is named for the only Air Force public affairs officer to attain the rank of General of the Air Force. As a major, General Arnold was chief of the Information Division in the Office of the Chief of Air Corps, where he used his position to advocate for air power. It is awarded to the most effective communication support to an Air Force event.

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AFPC Briefings Monday February 23

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1700 – 1730 Kaye Auditorium Monday, Feb. 23	Rated Officer Briefing			

AFPC Spread the Word teams to brief BLAZE Team

An Air Force Personnel Center “Spread the Word” briefing team arrives at Columbus Air Force Base on Feb. 23. Two All Call briefings are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. All Airmen and civilians are encouraged to attend. Following these briefings, specialized rated officer briefings will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. in support of night flyers, an additional rated briefing will be held at 5 p.m. All briefings will be in Kate Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 23.

“One of the Air Force’s top priorities is to develop and care for our Air Force people, and we want to hear from you about what works and what we can improve. Our AFPC teams look forward to sharing useful information with you and receiving feedback on what’s important to you,” said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, Air Force Personnel Center commander.

The Spread the Word briefing provides information on personnel issues and delivery transformation, as well as

allows all Air Force members direct, face-to-face contact with AFPC personnel to address concerns and provide feedback.

Specific topics covered in the Spread the Word briefings will include, among others, 365-day deployment options, the Global AEF tempo-banding system, civilian hiring procedures, and assignment processes. The teams also include military and civilian assignments experts, as well as deployment experts, who will be available for questions following each Spread the Word briefing session.

COL. DUNN

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the first to stand up, raise their hands and say ‘here I am, send me.’ Those are the kind of men and women we want as officers.”

The colonel illustrated his points with three stories, citing President Abraham Lincoln who said, “if you want to make a point, tell a story.”

He first told the story of the courage of Capt. Benjamin Davis, one of the first African American men to train at Tuskegee and become a U.S. pilot.

Following that he told the story of the sacrifice of Lt. Col. Gene Smith, who spent five and a half years in prisoner of war camp before returning home with honor and con-

tinuing to serve.

The colonel wrapped up with the story of the valor of Capt. John Groves, a former Columbus Air Force Base graduate who attempted four times to rescue the nine members of another helicopter who went down in Iraq while flying in a two-ship formation with him. Captain Groves succeeded on the fourth attempt by flying completely blacked out and landing 200 feet from the downed aircraft, helping to rescue nine Air Force members.

Colonel Dunn said these stories exemplify the characteristics needed and wanted in today’s Air Force officers and Airmen.

The colonel also thanked the families of the graduates for the huge impact they’d had on their lives.

“We had your (the family members) graduates for a year,” Colonel Dunn said. “We did our best to train them. But you, you had them for the past 20 or so years. You’re the one who ... did the hard work. You gave us these incredible young Americans, your Air Force and your country are indebted to you.”

Colonel Dunn made special mention of the sacrifices Air Force spouses make.

“If anyone tells you these (graduates) have a hard job, then they don’t understand what it’s like to be a military spouse,” he said.

“These wings they are about to get, they are as much yours (the spouses) as they are theirs. You have my permission to never let them forget that either,” he quipped.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 60 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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Game Two:

14th CONS 47 — L
DYN 82 — W

Game Three:

41st FTS 37 — L
14th SFS 76 — W



Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB’s Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958

Sports Shorts

Thursday Golf Scrambles: Starting March 19, Nine-hole scramble play will begin at 4:30 p.m. Sign up at the pro shop by 4 p.m. Cost: \$5 plus greens fees. Team format — teams selected by pro shop staff.

Four-Person backwards scramble: March 28 - 9 a.m. shotgun start — \$15 per person plus greens fees, carts extra. The price includes burger burn and prize fund. Sign up by March 24 at the pro shop.

Ladies day at the golf course: The Columbus Air Force Base Golf Course will offer a Ladies Day April 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. Play is a nine-hole scramble, consisting three-lady teams (you pick or the pro shop will put you on a team). Come join a fun outing just for the ladies. Beverage specials and more. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. For more information call 434-7932.

Beginners golf clinic: There will be a beginner’s golf clinic April 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Only \$5 per person, come learn the fundamentals. If you have clubs bring them, if not, we will provide what you need. For more information, call 434-7932.

Sunday bowling Special starting March 1: Buy a lunch combo and receive two free games of bowling. Special available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bowling specials: Women bowl for 50 cents a game all day on March 8 for International Women’s Day and on April 1 everyone bowls for 50 cents a game.

Youth spring soccer: Season opening is March 23 at the youth soccer field.

British soccer camp: Registration is going on now for ages 3 to 18. Register online at www.challengersports.com. Camp dates are June 1 to 5. Costs vary according to age and sessions. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
23 Night Flying Week (2/23 - 2/27) Airman Leadership School (2/23 - 3/6)	24	25 Enlisted Promotions 3:30 p.m. @ Club BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club Ash Wednesday Services 11:45 a.m. & 5 p.m.	26 ATMOS Energy Base Tour	27 09-06 Assignment Night 5 p.m. @ Services Activity Center	28/1 Autocross (2/28 - 3/1)
2 AETC/CCC Conference (3/2 - 3/6)	3	4 No Lunch Bunch @ Club	5	6	7/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins (3/8)

Long Term Events

Mar. 10 - 09-14 Track Select
Mar. 11 - Annual Awards Banquet
Mar. 12 - OSC Social

Mar. 13 - SUPT 09-06 Graduation
Mar. 13 - 09-EB IFF Graduation
Mar. 19 - Dorm Dinner
Mar. 20 - Class 09-07 Assignment Night

Be Safe: Don’t Drink and Drive

Civilian defenders help keep Columbus AFB safe, secure



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Matt Johnson, a civilian supply technician assigned to the 14th Security Forces Squadron, assists security forces Airmen prepare their gear prior to a patrol Feb. 18. Mr. Johnson is one of 30 Department of Defense civilians assigned to the 14th SFS.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Defensor Fortis: the defender's of the force. We're all familiar with the "blue suits," the Airmen whose job it is to protect the Air Force, its assets and people, but not everyone is familiar with the growing force helping to supplement and train Airmen.

These men and women are Department of Defense civilians, and whether they're manning the front gate, issuing weapons/gear or handling numerous administrative tasks, they're helping bring experience, continuity and manpower to Air Force Security Forces. DoD civilians took over positions previously manned by civilian contractors at Columbus fall 2008.

"Whether it's an Airman

checking your I.D. or a civilian, they're reading from the same sheet of music," said Lt. Col. Kiley Stinson, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander.

DoD civilians are present throughout the 14th SFS, comprising over 30 percent of the squadron's manning, the colonel said. This includes 23 personnel assigned as gate guards and, in the future, police officers; and an additional seven performing administrative tasks.

Chief Master Sgt. Burt Francois, 14th SFS manager, said the greatest benefit civilians bring to the squadron is continuity.

He said with Airmen currently deploying continually for 6 months to a year, having trained civilian personnel in-place is "a huge help."

Additional civilian staffed positions, such as unit deployment

manager and others, helps free-up active duty personnel for other tasks, Colonel Stinson said.

These civilians also bring years of

previous law enforcement experience and training to the squadron that the Air Force may not have otherwise, added Charles Skelton, supervisor and

lead civilian police officer. Mr. Skelton is a prime example, having served 20 years as a military policeman with the Navy before returning to his hometown of Columbus, Miss.

The experience the various civilians bring gives them knowledge most military policeman may not have, Colonel Stinson said.

"You don't see the same things on-base as you do off-base," the colonel said. "You can't

replace years of civilian law enforcement experience, it helps bring new ideas to the table."

Chief Francois said whichever uniform the BLAZE Team defenders wear, their job is the same.

"The uniform is really the only difference between the two," he said. "They both abide by and uphold the same laws and regulations."



Deployed defender receives award

Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala
332nd AEW Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq —Senior Airman Chad Callender is the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's Tuskegee Airman of the Week for Jan. 26 - Feb. 1.

Col. John Dolan, 332nd AEW vice commander, presented him with the award on behalf of Brig. Gen. Brian Bishop, 332nd AEW commander, during a ceremony here Feb. 6.

"It is an honor for me to congratulate Senior Airman Chad Callender as our Tuskegee Airman of the Week on behalf of General Bishop," Dolan said. "Airman Callender has had a great deployment and is finishing up strong. I want to thank him for the outstanding work he's been doing here at Joint Base Balad."

Callender, 532nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, was the truck commander for 36 patrols and was responsible for the accounting of \$10.2 million in theater-placed equipment — to include the maintenance of three tactical communication packages, 20 vehicles, and 30 weapons systems for a base entry control point.

"I work at the North ECP, and we search vehicles, and local nationals and provide a response for the perimeter of the base," Callender said. "However, one of the best parts of my job is getting to interact with the local nationals.

"I love being able to go out and interact with the Iraqi kids and understand their culture," continued the Anderson, Ind., native. "One of our goals is to win hearts and minds and show them we are here to help."

While working as a security forces Airman, Callender identified seven serious incident reports and seven situation reports, coordinating with his chain of command to resolve the issues.

Furthermore, he identified a local national probe on coalition convoys and directed a cordon and explosive ordnance disposal response, resulting in the securing of an improvised explosive device.

In addition to his day-to-day mission, Callender is also involved in various activities on JBB to include off-duty education and volunteering.

The senior airman currently deployed from Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., has completed 12 college credit-hours and is currently enrolled in six college credit-hours toward his Bachelor of Science degree.

In addition, Callender received medical evacuation training and volunteered 30 hours at the Casualty Aeromedical Staging Facility.

If that wasn't enough, he recently competed in a base-wide, 12-mile ruck march, placing fourth out of more than 200 competitors. He completed the march in 2 hours and 20 minutes, exceeding the air assault standard of completing it in three hours.

Callender attributes his successful deployment having a good attitude.

"Try to keep a positive attitude the whole time," the Airman said. "Keeping a good attitude will help you succeed. Also, do the best you can while you're over here. I try to do my job the best I can so that not only I go home safe, but everyone I work with goes home safe also."

Callender's supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Patrick Lombardo, 532nd ESFS North ECP flight chief, is proud to have him on his team.

"Whenever I think of an Airman who gets things done, I think of Airman Callender," said the Chicago native also currently deployed here from Columbus AFB. "He's a role model for his peers and NCOs. He fills in jobs that NCOs typically do. As a senior airman, he's really stepped up. We've put pressure on him to get the job done and he has, no questions asked. He's really been a Godsend. He's our go-to guy."

The 332nd AEW Tuskegee Airman of the Week is selected based on an Airman's accomplishments both on-and off-duty. Airmen in the pay grades of E-1 to E-6 are eligible.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Police Officer Ernie Shirley, a Department of Defense civilian assigned to the 14th Security Forces Squadron, checks an incoming commercial driver's engine Feb. 18 at the Columbus Air Force Base vehicle inspection area.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Jarvis Hardiman, a Department of Defense civilian police officer assigned to the 14th Security Forces Squadron, checks a driver's identification at the Columbus Air Force Base main gate Feb. 18. Mr. Hardiman and his colleagues comprise approximately 30 percent of the 14th SFS, bringing continuity and experience to the squadron.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Security Guard Brian Karg, a Department of Defense civilian assigned to the 14th Security Forces Squadron, uses a mirror to inspect the underside of an incoming commercial vehicle Feb. 18 at the Columbus Air Force Base vehicle inspection area.

